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Today's Topics:
                     Computer control for Kenwoods

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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In Volume 94, Issue 170 Lou Nigro KW7H wrote :

>I am considering the purchase of a TS-850S and was wondering if anyone >out
there has used Ham Windows from Kenwood, or any other software >with the
TS-850S, or any other Kenwood radio.

>I have a spare 386 lying around that might be very useful interfaced >to a
TS-850S.

Hi Lou,

I have a TS-450SAT for one year now, and it has been connected to my computer
since day one. The program I use for it, is Hyperlog, and believe me, it is a
great help. Per se, it does not let you control you rig, but it reads the
frequency and mode directly from it, as you are filling in the callsign, RST
etc. It also interfaces to SAM callbook database and GEOCLOCK, to show you the
daylight areas (for gray-line propagation).

I have also tried several control programs. One that looks quite decent is a suite comprising of three separate pieces of software : RigView, LogView and PacView. These are inter-working programs that seem to be useful at working with the Kenwood (or any other brand, actually). Unfortunately, althought I bought them, I do not use them, as my log file could not be imported in LogView, even thought the developer did try to help. If you are willing to start you logging from scratch, they look quite good.

Finally, I have a copy of another program, I think it is KENTROL (i.e. KENwood conTROL). This looks also very nice, I can't decide which one's user interface I like better, KENTROL or RigView. RigView emulates the dials and controls of your radio. KENTROL uses scroll bars etc for the same purpose. If my RAM has no parity errors, I think that KENTROL also has a logging part (ain't very sure, but can check if the need arises).

By the way, both the View suite and KENTROL are Windows applications (another reason I never use them, hihi).

I would also suggest that you look in last years QSTs for an interface, which apart from connecting the rig to your computer, allows you also to control the radio's filter settings, with the push of one button only. I build this interface about six months ago, and it proved to be extremely useful.

If you need more info, email me at the addresses below.

Best 73 de John (SV1CEC)

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